

Overview of Recommendations on CALFED Preferred Program Alternative

Drawing from the President's Executive Order on Environmental Justice and various state legislation prompting state agencies to address environmental justice in their programs and practices, we suggest the following Principle for inclusion in the CALFED program. For CALFED to implement the Principle, we suggest that the Actions identified below become part of the Preferred Program Alternative and/or the Record of Decision.

Proposed CALFED Environmental Justice Principle

The CALFED program and its participating agencies are committed to seeking fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes, such that no segment of the population bears a disproportionately high or adverse health or environmental impact resulting from CALFED's programs, policies, or actions.

Proposed CALFED Environmental Justice Actions

In seeking to address and achieve environmental justice (as defined above), CALFED commits to develop programs, policies, and actions that:

- 1. Incorporate environmental justice goals and objectives that will inform the decisionmaking, evaluation, and implementation of all CALFED program areas, especially water quality, water transfers, water use efficiency, and ecosystem restoration;*
- 2. Identify and evaluate existing environmental justice problems related to the Bay-Delta and the environmental, health, social, and economic effects of CALFED activities on people of color and low-income populations;*
- 3. Address existing environmental justice problems related to the Bay-Delta and avoid or mitigate disproportionate effects of CALFED activities on people of color and low-income populations;*
- 4. Ensure full and meaningful participation from potentially impacted communities in finding alternatives or solutions that address existing environmental justice problems and mitigate impacts;*
- 5. Improve research and data collection related to the health and environment of people of color and low-income populations impacted by CALFED programs;*
- 6. Guarantee representation of environmental justice, rural, and urban constituencies in its governance and decisionmaking structures, including those developed within program areas;*
- 7. Support outreach and education activities to improve the public's ability to participate in CALFED decisionmaking and program implementation, including transparent and facile public access to data from all programs, and*
- 8. Provide sufficient and equitable staffing and funding to support the actions enumerated above.*

Environmental Justice Coalition